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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON COCOM AND UK LICENSING OF
SPEY ENGINES TO PRC

1. THE TIMES PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE MARCH 3 REPORTING ALLEGED OPPOSITION BOTH FROM US IN COCOM AND SOVIETS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO UK LICENSING OF ROLLS ROYCE SPEY ENGINE MANUFACTURED IN CHINA. GIST OF ARTICLE IS THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED DIPLOMATICALLY THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY OPPOSE THE SPEY ENGINE PROJECT SHOULD WASHINGTON WITHDRAW ITS OBJECTIONS. ARTICLE FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

2. FCO AND DEPT. OF TRADE SOURCES TELL US THAT ARTICLE HAS NO VALIDITY. AS FAR AS HMG IS CONCERNED, NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA ON ENGINE PROJECT CONTINUE AND SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN NO RPT NO DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES REGARDING TRANSACTION. DEPT. OF TRADE OFFICIAL OPINED THAT ROLLS ROYCE (1971) MANAGEMENT MAY HAVE FLOATED STORY IN
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ATTEMPT TO SMOKE OUT ANY FACTORS ADVERSE TO ENGINE

LICENSING INHERENT IN UK-USSR TRADE ARRANGEMENT.
(NATIONAL PRESS A WEEK AGO SPECULATED THAT SOVIET TRADE
PROSPECTS MAY BE CONTINGENT ON SECRET ACCORD NOT TO
SUPPLY UK ARMAMENT TECHNOLOGY TO PRC.)

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